



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of February 27, 2022

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sundays** at 9:00 am (in person and online)

**Wednesdays** at 6:00 pm (in person and online)

**NOTE:** The church office will be closed on Friday's until further notice. Thank you.

**ADULT FORUM** this Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> following worship in Fireside room.

The topics will be as follows:

- Sunday, February 27: Celtic Influence on Christianity
- Sunday, March 6: The Power of Rest (Sabbath)
- Sunday, March 13: Liturgy: The work of worship to deepen faith
- Sunday, March 20: Religious Art and the Near East
- Sunday, March 27: Bible Basics
- Sunday, April 3: Romans and Americans aren't that different

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP:** Lent is a season of reflection, penitence, and preparation. You're invited to be part of our congregational book study this season as we move forward through a book called *God's Chisel*. The cost of the book is \$5 if you're able to pay; otherwise just take one.

### God's Chisel Reading Schedule

- Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, March 2
- Wednesday, March 9: "Your Story and God's Place in It"
- Wednesday, March 16: "Refining: Dealing with Our Own Stuff"
- Wednesday, March 23: "I Know Who's Inside There"
- Wednesday, March 30: "You are Not Junk"
- Wednesday, April 6: "Your Personal Manifesto"

**SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS THIS SUNDAY!!!** Psalm 133 says: "How good and how pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity." We look forward to sharing God's word together as a faith community here at Grace Lutheran Church. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall after church from 10-10:45 am to learn about Bible stories, play games, make crafts, have a snack and join together as a community in Christ. There will be **NO** Sunday School on March 13 or 20.

**LOOKING FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL HELP:** We're looking for some adults or 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders that can help on Sunday mornings with our children's programming. If you're interested, contact one of our Sunday School leaders, Christie Ness, at [christie.m.ness@gmail.com](mailto:christie.m.ness@gmail.com)

**2022 SCHOLARSHIPS:** Members and friends of Grace attending an institution of higher learning in the fall are invited to apply for one of the many scholarships we have at Grace. ALHS seniors can apply online through Naviance. If you attend another high school or are a non-traditional student, you can pick up an application at the church or find more information at [gracealbertlea.org/resources/scholarships](http://gracealbertlea.org/resources/scholarships). Applications are due March 21<sup>st</sup>.

**7<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SUMMER TRIP:** This summer we are heading out to the Rockies for a week of hiking, rock climbing, rappelling, and white water rafting during the day, and devotional time each evening at our base camp with Noah's Ark Outdoor Ministry in Buena Vista, Colorado. This trip will encourage you to grow in faith as you attempt things you didn't know you could do in a beautiful part of God's creation. Those who have completed 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2021-2022 school year will be eligible to attend this trip. Details can be found outside of Ashley's office. Deposit and trip interest forms are due March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like more information, contact Ashley at [youth@gracealbertlea.org](mailto:youth@gracealbertlea.org)

**MARCH FOOD DRIVE:** For 41 years, Minnesota FoodShare has worked on eliminating food insecurity by promoting food drives during the month of March. Once again, Grace Lutheran will add to this effort by collecting food items and monetary donations. If you would like to donate food, bring the items to the pallet in the narthex during the month of March. If you would like to give a monetary donation, you can make out a check to Grace Lutheran with MN FoodShare donation on the memo line. Because of matching funds available during March, any donations given are increased. Thank you for your generosity in helping to sustain or local food shelves.

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