



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of March 6, 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 today following worship in Fireside room.
The topics will be as follows:

- 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

- 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: 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 6th – 12th 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

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. **Applications are due March 21st.**

DESSERTS NEEDED! Each Wednesday following worship we will be gathering in Fellowship Hall for discussion and dessert... and we're in need of some treats! Youth attending the Colorado Summer trip will be serving and all proceeds will go towards their trip. You can sign up in the Narthex to bring treats/bars/desserts. Please drop them off by 6:00 pm. Contact Ashley with any questions. Thank you!!

CRISIS IN UKRAINE: Please pray for families in Ukraine and others in crisis around the world, and please help care for them with a lifesaving gift today. Our congregation's gift to Lutheran World Relief fund ensure we are ready to respond to the most pressing needs with food, clean water, safe shelter, medical supplies and more. Thanks to a generous Lutheran congregation in Wisconsin, our congregation's gifts will be matched — up to \$100,000 — for our neighbors suffering in the Ukraine crisis. As this conflict presses on, more and more families are fleeing — without the promise of food, shelter, or safety. Right now, teams are working with partners in and around Ukraine. Gifts can be made online at LWR.ORG/MATCH. If you prefer, checks can be mailed to: Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297. Please write "Ukraine" in the memo. Please give by **March 15** so your gift can be rushed to the aid of families in desperate need. In gratitude for your compassionate leadership and generosity, thank you.

SPECIAL UKRAINE OFFERING: A special offering will be taken next **Sunday, March 13th** here at Grace. If writing a check, please put "Ukraine" in the memo.

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.

DON'T FORGET TO DIRECT CHOICE DOLLARS®: Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® 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, 2022**, to direct any remaining 2021 Choice Dollars. Help support Grace Lutheran Church; go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

ARLENE LEVINE'S funeral service will be on March 25 at Bonnerup's in Albert Lea Minnesota. Visitation at 10:00 AM and service at 11:00 am followed by a luncheon. Everyone is invited to share in the celebration of our mother's life.

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